



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12.

A WAITER in the New York Tribune referring to the democratic possession of the New York legislature, which, it need not be forgotten, has been sanctioned by the highest court in that State, says: "It makes my blood boil when I read the doings of our State Senate, and I say 'forcibly' to rid us of such a minority." At the Cleveland inauguration northern republicans were heard to exclaim "this is more than flesh and blood can stand." Many republicans have not yet learned how vain it is to oppose the inevitable. The democrats, not the "rebels," in New York and in enough other States to elect both a democratic President and a democratic Senate, are now on top, and, what's more to the purpose, intend to stay there, and with a democratic President and a democratic Congress the high tariff will be removed and all the people will rejoice.

THE DESPERATE attempts Mr. Harrison is making to secure the election of Hurlen delegates to the next national republican convention have become so outrageous that even one of the administration newspapers of Washington, in order to keep up with the news, is forced to notice them by saying, in respect of the appointment of a special officer in Washington and that of the delegates referred to from that city, "there has been talk of political deals affecting the filling of the positions." How's that for a pure and high-toned administration? Swapping government offices for delegates to political conventions! No matter what Mr. Cleveland may be, there is no doubt of the fact that Mr. Harrison is no better than his party.

TWENTY YEARS ago Mr. Carnegie was a poor clerk in the Pennsylvania Railroad office. He now owns a palace and deer park in Scotland and has given over two million dollars to a public library in Pittsburgh. But the net profit of his iron business, by means of the high tariff, is a million and a half a year, so that he can well afford to live luxuriously and make munificent gifts. He also, it may be remembered, says that the immigrants who come here from abroad, to compete in an already overstocked market with native American laborers, belong to the best class of foreign labor, and that their flocking to this country should not be impeded.

It is now the sixth week of the session of Congress, and as yet nothing has been done in the House of Representatives except the introduction of thousands of bills, but few of which will ever be heard of again. It is plain to be seen that little else will be done at this session except the passage of the regular appropriation bills. Such a course would be wise and economical, and would break up the lobby; and besides it would show the difference between a democratic and a billion Congress, and would leave the democratic a clear field in which to assault the McKinley bill in the next Presidential campaign.

TO SHOW what little regard is now paid in this country to the wise advice contained in Washington's famous Farewell Address, it is only necessary to say that the U. S. Senate yesterday ratified a treaty with several foreign nations, by which this country, which has no interest in Africa, though they have, has entered into an agreement with them to prohibit the slave trade in the dark continent. In the address referred to particular stress is laid upon the necessity of avoiding entangling foreign alliances, but the Address, like the Constitution, is of little consequence to any body nowadays.

THE FIGHT now in progress, over the election of delegates to the next national republican convention, in Indianapolis, Mr. Harrison's own home, and in Washington, under his very nose, between him and Mr. Blaine's friends, shows plainly enough that if he and his prime minister understand each other, as it is reported they do, the understanding is by no means agreeable to the former, no matter how much it may be to the latter.

THE BALTIMORE American says, "there are in this city to-day many families in need of the necessities of life." Congress is not allowed to relieve these suffering people, within two hours' ride from the national Capitol, but, all the same, the American would have it appropriate \$100,000 to relieve the alleged suffering people of Russia, thousands of miles away.

THE FALLING off in the customs' receipts during the last six months was forty million, and the decrease in the other receipts, to about that much more. During the year fewer bonds were redeemed and fewer pensions paid, and how much of over-due appropriations withheld, nobody knows. Another such Congress as the last one would have swamped the government.

FROM WASHINGTON.
[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12, 1892.
The lawless which now pervades some of the departments of the government where in females are employed, and which is, and has been for a long time, the common talk in club rooms, hotels and saloons, has now become so notorious that summary action has been forced upon the secretaries with a view to saving the administration from a suspicion of winking at the existing evil. Secretary Noble of the Interior Department has taken the initiatory steps for the partial purification of his department, and since January 1st he has requested, through Commissioner Hamm, the resignations of five of the female employees of the Pension Bureau

on account of their immoral conduct, and it is generally understood at the Pension office that some twelve or fifteen others will be requested to resign during the current month. This action on the part of the Secretary meets with the warmest commendations of the ladies employed in the Pension office, and should his example be followed by the other heads of departments, a more healthy and virtuous atmosphere will pervade some of the public buildings in this city.

Congressman Wilson of West Virginia told the GAZETTE's correspondent to-day that he had accepted the invitation of Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans of Alexandria to address them at their annual celebration of Gen. Lee's birthday, the 19th inst.

Among the bills introduced in the House yesterday was one by Mr. Buchanan of Virginia for a pension to Rebecca Mayo, widow of Stephen Mayo, of Polaski county, a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Congressman Tucker of Virginia will at the first opportunity introduce bills for the removal of the tariff tax on all articles used by trusts, and for an income tax.

Intelligence here from Richmond is to the effect that a strong effort will be made in the Virginia legislature, in the reapportionment for representation to be made by that body, to change the lines of several of the present congressional districts. If these proposed changes be made, some of the present Congressmen will be thrown into the same district, which, very naturally, will be anything else than agreeable to them.

The Behring Sea question was before the Cabinet meeting to-day. It is understood that the case has taken a favorable turn within the past few days, and that Secretary Blaine has been advised that Lord Salisbury will agree to his suggestion as to the method of selecting three of the arbitrators from countries which have no interest whatever in the questions at issue. The prospects are that one of the arbitrators on the part of the United States will be selected from the republican party, and the other from the democratic party. Hon. Edward J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, is mentioned as most likely to be one of the arbitrators on the part of the United States.

It is members of Congress who have told Senator Hill that they are Hill men don't change their minds between now and the meeting of the next national democratic convention, and if they represent the feeling of their constituents on the subject, the junior New York Senator will be the nominee of that convention without doubt.

General Vincent of the staff of General Schofield, at the headquarters of the army, remarked to-day that the character of the Rio Grande Mexican frontier does not appear to be fully comprehended by persons who have not seen that region. General Vincent has pointed to the following remarks of General Ord made in 1879. By reason of revolutions, the Mexican population along the river is of a mongrel character; deserters from the contending forces; Mexican soldiers, sent to the border and there disbanded; remnants of bands of wild raiding, or refugee Indians, who formerly found safety in the deserts and unexplored mountains of Mexico or Texas, and who have gradually learned to trade and mix with the people of its border towns, and smugglers, all go to swell the lawless element. To such a population, ordinary treaties, or modes of administering justice, will not apply, especially when it is considered that under the treaty of extradition now in force, the local district judges are commissioners to extradite, and elected by a population more or less liable for extradition offenses, committed on the opposite side. The conclusion is reasonable that when the existing treaty was made, the character and number of the border refugees was not understood. Moreover, under its provisions neither is bound to extradite its own citizens, and, generally, to evade the penalties of the treaty, citizen-hunt, to suit their necessities, can be proven by offenders. From the mouth of the river to El Paso, the population of the border countries is, with few exceptions, Mexican, or of Mexican origin.

M. A. Gress was appointed postmaster at Stittington, Bath county, Va., to-day, vice S. Noffger, resigned.

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court yesterday in the interstate commerce case will, it is thought here, render the interstate commerce law null and void and the commission practically impotent, as no specially favored parties will testify against those who favor them, and by the decision referred to, cannot be forced to do so.

Mr. Pembroke Pettit of Favianna county, Virginia, has been appointed reading clerk of the House, the salary of which position is \$3,600.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Hale called for an examination of the sanitary condition of the Senate side of the Capitol and inquired that had ventilation or bad something else was the cause of a good deal of sickness among Senators and their employees.

Notwithstanding the evident determination of some of the leading democratic members of the House, Mr. Bland, chairman of the coinage committee, said to-day that such a bill had a pretty good show.

Congressman Jones of Virginia, has introduced numerous petitions and a bill for increasing the pay of the employees in the life-saving service, and will do all that he can to secure favorable action thereon in the commerce committee, to which they have been referred, and subsequently in the House.

Bills for the return of the money advanced by Virginia to the general government for the erection of the public buildings in this city and for the war of 1812, have been introduced in both branches of Congress. These are old bills and will probably never be passed.

The commercial travelers, drummers they used to be called, are on hand early this season, and the probability is that the interstate commerce law will be amended so as to allow railroads to give them special rates—as it should be.

The trouble with Onili was the principal topic of discussion at the meeting of the Cabinet to-day with a view to the transfer of the further consideration of the subject to Congress. It is understood that the entire correspondence will be submitted to Congress early next week.

Letter from Richmond.
Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.
RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 11, 1892.

The report of the debt commission would have been submitted to the Legislature to-day but for the fact that the secretary of the commission, ex-Senator Peter C. Warwick, of Chesterfield, was not ready with the type written copies. Mr. Warwick has been about the busiest man at the Capitol for the past week, and by to-morrow he will have a resting spell, as it is thought that the report on the debt question will be submitted then.

Delegate Saunders, of Franklin, was in his seat to-day, the first time since the adjournment for the Christmas holidays. He has had a severe attack of the grip and has just gotten over it. Mr. Saunders's absence has kept several bills at a standstill before the judiciary committee, of which he is chairman.

The bill introduced by Delegate Loney, of Chesterfield, to prevent blacklisting of employees by railroads and other corporations was before the House committee to-day and was referred to a sub-committee which will report in a few days. There is

nothing hurrying it, as it is a bill and it is very probable that it will be favorably reported upon this week. The bill is almost an exact copy of a Georgia law.

Lieutenant-Governor Tyler, who is president of the world's fair commission of Virginia, to-day honored the ladies' auxiliary committee of the world's fair. The lady thus honored is Mrs. George A. Muehbach. The list was completed to-day with one exception. The fourth district is entitled to one more. Mrs. General Harry Heth, of Washington, and Mrs. Muehbach are expected here on the 20th of January to attend a meeting of the ladies' auxiliary committee at the Exchange Hotel.

The appropriation bill at this session of the legislature is likely to contain a more liberal appropriation for the wounded and disabled ex-Confederate soldiers. At least this seems to be the desire of the members of both branches of the General Assembly. There will be a wrangling in the finance committee over the appropriations. Lucatic asylums will want more money and so will the colleges and other public institutions.

Among the visitors at the Capitol to-day was ex-Senator John B. F. Mills, of Washington county. Mr. Mills is interested in some proposed legislation. He was warmly greeted by his old senatorial friends. Mr. Mills is put down as being one of the wisest men in "out-west Virginia." Some say that he holds property worth nearly \$1,000,000. He is a big Baptist and has given liberally to that denomination.

There are quite a number of railroad bills pending in the General Assembly and they seem to be advancing towards their passage without any serious drawback. Several of these bills provide charters for railroads that will run into Richmond.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The demand for German servant girls is greater than the supply, according to a report made at the annual meeting of the German Society of Maryland.

Representative Britton, of Columbian county, Ohio, yesterday introduced into the Ohio Legislature a resolution providing for an investigation of the legal right of Senator Brice to hold a seat in the United States Senate.

Chaim Kramholz, the New York barber, was held for the grand jury in \$1,000 bail in Washington, yesterday, on a charge of violating the humane law, in placing his wife, Annie, in a house of prostitution, she being under eighteen years of age.

The subscribers to the Richmond and Danville floating debt guarantee fund met in New York yesterday for organization. A committee of five was appointed. Brokers formerly identified with the Georgia Central syndicate were the heaviest buyers of the Richmond Terminal securities yesterday.

The Senate yesterday, in executive session, finally ratified the general act signed at Brussels July 5, 1890, by seventeen powers, including the United States, for the repression of the African slave trade, and also a convention of commerce and navigation between the United States and the independent State of Congo, signed at Brussels July 24, 1891.

The Ohio River Railroad Company has made an offer for the purchase outright of the Newport News and Mississippi Valley Railroad. The offer is in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000, and it is believed that the deal will be consummated at once. The Newport News and Mississippi Valley road extends from Huntington, W. Va., to Cincinnati and Louisville.

Vice-President and Mrs. Morton gave the first Cabinet dinner of the season in Washington last night, when the guests assembled to meet President and Mrs. Harrison at the brilliant reception which followed included the judiciary, the Congress, and the diplomatic corps. The floral decorations were elaborate, palms lining the great square hallway on all sides, bordering the stairway on either side, while on the first landing was a dense grouping of foliage plants.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The new Masonic Temple in Richmond is nearly ready for occupancy.

Dr. C. S. Mills, collector of customs at Richmond during part of President Grant's administration, is dead.

Mr. R. Lewis Harding died in Fredericksburg last Sunday night, in the fifth year of his age, after a brief illness of pneumonia.

The new hotel Colonnade, at Buena Vista, erected last summer at the cost of about \$40,000, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday.

In Roanoke last night the jury in the case of John Smith, charged with the murder of Peter Arliff, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. A motion to set aside the verdict will be argued to-morrow.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to George Johnson, of Washington, and Julia West, of King George county; to Edmund P. White, of Caroline, and Anne L. Battall, of Westmoreland, and to Lucius H. Wash, of Richmond, and Tranquila B. Brown, of Hanover county.

The House committee on finance yesterday considered a bill proposing to increase the annual appropriation to the Confederate soldiers' home in Richmond from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Lee Camp proposes that when no further use exists for maintaining the home—that is, when there are no longer a sufficient number of Confederate veteran survivors in Virginia to justify keeping up the institution—the property shall be turned over to the commonwealth. It is calculated that this period is twenty-two years in the future. The property of the home is now worth possibly \$100,000. At the time when it is supposed it will revert to the State it will probably be valued at ten times as much. The bill will no doubt be passed.

Court of Appeals in Richmond Yesterday.

Robinson against Commonwealth, Hite against Commonwealth, Anthony against Commonwealth, Eocap against Commonwealth, continued until March term.
Whiting against the town of West Point, passed.
Norfolk and Western Railroad Company against the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, the Postal Telegraph Cable Company against the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, continued to March term.
Perdue's administrator against Dillon, removed to Wytheville.

CHARGED WITH KILLING CHILDREN.

The Kreuz Zeitung, referring to the release of a Jewish butcher arrested at Xanten, on the charge of murdering a Christian boy, insists that the release of the prisoner was an error. The Kreuz Zeitung maintains the truth of the charges against the Jews of killing Christian children for the purpose of using their blood in their peculiar religious rites. The state of the boy's body, it says, proved that the murder was the work of a practiced slaughterer. The article has caused a sensation.

"A better article it is impossible to get, sir; I have tried them all and unhesitatingly pronounce Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup superior to any."
The old story—Trivial symptoms were neglected until rheumatism became established, whereas all the suffering could have been prevented by the prompt use of Salvation Oil, 25 cents.

LEGISLATIVE.

Mr. Stewart, of Norfolk county, yesterday introduced into the House a resolution asking Congress to enlarge and further equip the Portsmouth navy-yard for building steel battleships.

A bill was introduced designating as legal holidays the 19th of January (Lee's birth) and the third of June, to be known as Confederate memorial day. It also provides that every general election day shall be a holiday, and it further declares that every Saturday from 12 o'clock noon, commencing 1st of June and ending 30th of September, shall be designated as a half-holiday.

Mr. Bland introduced a bill to amend the code of Virginia as to milldams. The bill provides that every owner of a dam, over which a road passes, shall keep the dam in good order, and at least 12 feet wide at the top. A bridge in good order shall be kept over the pier-head flood gates or any waste cut through or around the dam.

The bill providing for the appointment of female physicians in asylums, etc., was passed by until to-day, as Mr. J. Catlett Gibson, who will speak in its favor, was absent.

In the Senate a communication was received from the Board of Chesapeake and its tributaries in response to a resolution introduced by Mr. Stubbs asking for certain information relative to the cost and maintenance of the steamer Chesapeake, etc. The communication shows that the original cost of the steamer was \$30,585.82. The cost of furnishing and running for the last year was \$12,847.63. Salary of officers and crew per month \$595. Cost of vessel guarding the Eastern Shore for the year 1891 was \$4,851.26. Monthly wages of each crew in said vessels \$171.67.

Among the bills introduced was one to amend the code in regard to the examination of applicants for the practice of medicine and surgery and by Mr. Muehbach, a petition from 434 citizens of Alexandria praying for appropriation of \$30,000 per annum for R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers' Home.

A CLERGYMAN'S FALL.—Rev. Charles S. Daniel, formerly rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Chrysostom, was found guilty by Master E. Hann Hacon in Common Pleas yesterday of misappropriating \$4,850 of the missionary collections, which he has made during his charge of the mission, at the corner of Burghessana avenue and Twenty-eighth street, from 1880 to March, 1891. During this time he collected \$33,821, according to the master's report, and only turned over \$15,836 to treasurer Robert Ritchie, of the board of trustees. Mr. Ritchie complained to the now Bishop Isaac Nicholson, and together they began suit, alleging that the residue unaccounted for had been invested in Daniel's own name in real estate in this city and Bucks county, Mrs. Daniel holding the title to the same.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Daniel refuse to give an accounting and the rector burned his books, to prevent Nicholson, as he averred, from learning the subscribers, lest he advise them not to contribute again. Daniel declared that the missing \$15,000 was salary. "No evidence has been given," states the master, "that Mr. Daniel's services were worth more than \$1,000 a year, the usual sum, and he should be held accountable for the \$4,850 excessive." Beyond the mission moneys the private means of Mr. Daniel during the entire time amounted to no more than \$3,689, but he expended \$8,100 for real estate. The conclusion is irretrievable that \$4,411 was taken from the mission money and is now represented by that much of the purchased properties. Mr. Daniel shall state an account of all moneys received by him and of his disposition of them. He mingled the trust with individual moneys, and hence all costs and expenses should be borne by him.—Philadelphia Record.

Falls Church Notes.

James M. Wells, a respected citizen of the town, died on Saturday last of grip. He was buried on Monday at Jerusalem Church, near Fairfax Station.

Mrs. E. J. Galpin is lying very low of the same disease.

The Falls Church Lodge of Old Fellows installed their officers for the ensuing six months on Thursday night last. W. N. Lynch is Noble Grand; H. R. Center, Vice Grand; Geo. W. Hawthurst, Secretary; Dr. Geo. B. Fadelie, Financial Secretary; W. M. Ellison, Chaplain. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Past Grand G. A. Brunner.

The last meeting for the year of the executive committee of the Falls Church Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held last night and twenty applications acted upon. During the past ten weeks the company has added over two hundred thousand dollars to the assessable property of the company. At the annual meeting which takes place to-morrow it is thought that the total assessable property will reach one million dollars. The company is but two years old.

D. O. Mason is quite sick with grip. J. L. Wise has established a brush manufactory on the Sherwood sub-division.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the north-bound Monon train ran off the track about two miles north of Indianapolis, Ind., at Nicholson Crossing. The accident occurred on a fifty foot embankment down which four cars rolled, the engine and one baggage car keeping the track. The trouble is supposed to have been due to a broken rail. The first passenger coach rolled over three times. It was full of passengers and caught fire from the stove, but all the occupants escaped alive. The baggage and express car went over but no one in it was severely hurt. The ladies' coach was literally torn to pieces, as was also the prior car. Here was the greatest danger. There was hardly a passenger on the train who escaped injury. Help was soon at hand, and in a few moments the roadway was full of the maimed on their way to the town. There were three theatrical troupes on board, one of which was the City Club Entertainers Company, and was the only one that escaped with its members sustaining serious injuries. Four persons were killed outright and over thirty injured, several of whom will die. The excitement has been intense and hundreds have visited the scene of the accident. It was one of the most terrible catastrophes that ever occurred on the road.

The Season, for February, has been received from the International News Company, New York.

800 words enough. In his free lecture Thursday, at 4 p. m., at Arlington Institute 920 King street, Prof. Etienne Lambert will demonstrate how a thorough knowledge of French conversation can be acquired within the compass of 800 words. All interested should attend.

DIED.

Entered into rest, January 11, at 6.30 p. m. JOHN J. B. Blyden son of James M. and F. L. Blyden, aged 23 years.

Sleep on, dear brother, thy work is done,
Thy mortal pain is past;
Jesus has come and borne those home
Beyond the stormy blast.
Dear mother, shed no tear for me,
Far, far beyond the tomb,
There is a land of Paradise
Where I shall ever bloom.

BY HIS SISTER.
Funeral services at 132 S. Royal street Thursday, January 14, at 3 p. m. Friends invited to attend. Funeral in charge of Alexandria Lodge, No. 2, K. P. Members of Oriental Lodge invited. [Washington papers please copy.]



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.
SENATE.

Many petitions in favor of the loan of five millions to the World's Fair on condition of its being kept closed on Sunday were presented and referred.

Mr. Dolph, from the committee on coast defenses, reported a bill for the purchase of sites for fortifications; also a bill to provide for fortifications and other coast defenses; and they were placed on the calendar.

Mr. Barry, a member of the committee on coast defenses, said that he dissented from the report of the latter bill, which carried with it an appropriation of \$123,000,000 extending over a period of eleven years. In view of the fact that the revenues of the government were hardly sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditures, and in view of the farther fact that there was an almost universal demand for relief from excessive taxation, he had not been willing to report in favor of a bill carrying such a very large appropriation.

Mr. Calliton, another member of the committee on coast defenses, said that he concurred with Mr. Barry in his opposition to the report.

A bill appropriating \$325,000 for construction of two United States revenue cutters for service on the Pacific Coast gave rise to a long discussion involving the question of the transfer of the revenue marine service to the Navy Department.

Then after a short executive session the Senate at 2:25 adjourned till to-morrow.

HOUSE.

Mr. Speaker Crisp being still unable to preside over the deliberations of the House, his duties this morning were again performed by the Speaker pro tem.

Mr. Harter, of Ohio, introduced a bill authorizing the consolidation of customs collecting districts.

Mr. Long, of Texas, introduced a bill for the development and encouragement of silk culture in the United States under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

The House then on motion of Mr. Springer adjourned until to-morrow.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—There is a general opinion abroad that the Duke of Clarence and Avondale is more seriously ill than his family and physicians would have the general public believe. It was stated at noon to-day that pneumonia is developing into a more severe type than is announced by the physicians.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—La Paix says to-day that King Humbert has made overtures to the Pope offering to compromise the question at issue between the State and the Vatican. The paper adds that important results will probably follow.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 12.—The estimates in the budget of 1892 shows a decline of 23,500,000 roubles in the revenue, and in increase of 3,500,000 roubles in the expenditures. A deficit of 74 million roubles is expected.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—There is no abatement whatever in the epidemic of influenza which is sweeping over Europe; on the contrary the reports received from hundreds of places throughout the country show that the disease continues to spread with increasing virulence. Right Rev. W. Reeves, D.D. of the Church of Ireland (Prot.) bishop of Down, died this morning of influenza.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Advices from St. Petersburg show that though the Czar may declare that there is no famine in his dominion and though he may believe that the sufferings among the peasants is entirely due to slight shortage in the crops which the government can easily relieve, it will be found that in making such rectifications the treasury of the empire will be subjected to a very heavy drain. Already the sum of 65,000,000 roubles has been appropriated by the Imperial treasury for the purpose of providing the absolute necessities of life to be distributed among the suffering people. All this money has been expended in addition to the large sums spent through the central famine committee and through private individuals and yet the wants of the distressed peasants have been supplied to only a limited extent.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Santiago de Chile says that all political prisoners will be liberated within a week. Four refugees still remain in the American Legation.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—As a train was nearing Tamworth to-day, a woman was found to be a Mrs. Siddals jumped from the footboard and was fatally injured. Rev. Mr. Goodall who occupied the compartment was arrested. It is believed he made indecent proposals and attempted a criminal assault on her.

Fires.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 12.—A fierce fire is raging here at this moment (noon). The Hiram Sibley seed house, a ten story building covering nearly a whole square, is a mass of flames. The heat from the fire makes it almost impossible for firemen to be of much use in saving adjoining buildings and it is feared other fires will follow.

12:45 p. m. Sibley's business block adjoining which extends for 300 feet is being destroyed and the Second Baptist church, facing North avenue, is burning and cannot be saved. One fireman was seriously injured. A woman and her babe were with difficulty rescued from the flames.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Jan. 12.—Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the academy of St. Louis de Consegue, a large stone building on Sherbrooke street. The academy is conducted by the Providence nuns and there are 800 children in the institution. The flames spread with great rapidity and all the lower portion of the building was soon burning. The greatest confusion reigned and the nuns had the utmost difficulty in preventing a panic. The firemen finally succeeded in getting all the nuns and pupils safely out of the building.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The mansion of Sir John Everett Millais, the distinguished English painter, near Perth, Scotland, caught fire yesterday morning and was partially destroyed. Last night the fire broke out again and the mansion was burned to the ground.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Benedictine Abbey, at Freamp, not far being the place where Benedictine liqueur was manufactured, was burned last night.

Juvenile Footpads.

DUPUQUE, Ia., Jan. 12.—Two boys named Hansen and Lee, aged respectively 15 and 16, after robbing a hardware store and procuring revolvers a month ago, resolved to be highwaymen and robbed a woman and a man. The next night they boarded a suburban street car driven by an old man named Loebner, and demanded his money. Loebner pushed Lee away when Hansen shot the old man. The boys concealed themselves in a box car, were arrested, and confessed their crime and were yesterday placed on trial.

The Express Men engers' Strike.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 12.—The express strike is on again and with greater force than ever. Every messenger to the employ of the Southern Express Company has been ordered out. The strike will take effect immediately and will last until satisfaction is secured. The messengers claim that an attempt was made to crush the brotherhood.

The Presbyterians.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The general committee on revision of the Presbyterian church met in this city to-day. It is believed that the result will be the retirement of the present creed as a historical monument and the adoption of a shorter declaration of belief.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The Brooks Iron Company, of Birdsboro, Pa., last evening notified its employees of a general reduction in wages.

Dr. Graves arrived at Canon City, Col., shortly after midnight; severely shackled and handcuffed to another prisoner, and was placed in the penitentiary.

An explosion of blasting powder occurred on the suburbs of Boston this morning. One man has been taken to the hospital, and several buildings were shattered.

It is said that the chances for the success of the project whereby the type foundries of the country were to pass into the control of an English syndicate are diminishing.

The fire which broke out in the colliery operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company at Branchville, Pa., several days ago has now been almost extinguished.

A dispatch from Jamestown, N. Y., announces the death there yesterday of Richard Pratt Marvin, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court, which passed upon the question of making greenbacks legal tender.

The Florence and Globe stage was held up by one highwayman nine miles west of Riverside, Ariz., yesterday. The Wells Fargo box and two bars of bullion were taken. The mail was not touched. The robber is described as tall and with a dark heavy mustache. He wore no mask. The same stage was robbed near that point ten days ago. The Wells Fargo box was taken by the same man it is supposed.

A number of arrests and a profound sensation has been caused at Ionia, Mich., by Frank Hardin turning State's evidence implicating three well-known and well-to-do farmers in transactions of a peculiarly daring gang of wheat thieves.

Mrs. Margaret Donovan, of Philadelphia, who was suffering with the grip, took carbolic acid in mistake for medicine yesterday and died from the effects of the poison.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Trenton branch, between Glen Loch and the Schuylkill, was formally opened yesterday for freight traffic only.

FOREIGN NEWS.

There is a rumor of reconciliation being brought about between King Milan and his divorced wife, Queen Nathalie of Servia.